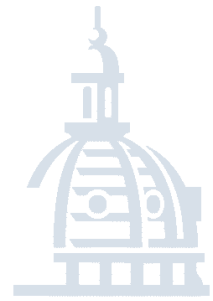


# Fiscal Note

*Fiscal Services Division*



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**HF 722** – Natural Resources Conservation (LSB2094HV)

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## **Description**

**House File 722** makes a number of changes to activities in the Conservation and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

## **Background**

The Bill changes included for this analysis are:

- Civil penalties for the illegal taking of bobcat and fish.
- Fees and fines for commercial fishing and turtle harvesting.
- Fees for preference points paid by non-resident hunters.
- Fines for various hunting and fishing activities.

## **Assumptions**

### **Fiscal Assumptions**

The following increases to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund have been estimated by the DNR:

- Revenue from damages for the illegal taking of bobcat and fish is estimated to be \$10,000 per year.
- Current revenue from fees for commercial fish and turtle licenses is approximately \$39,000 per year. The license fee increases in House File 722 are estimated to increase this revenue by \$21,000, to a total of \$60,000 per year. Expenditures related to the licensing fees are currently \$85,000 per year.
- Approximately 9,000 hunters will pay the \$50 preference point fee for a total of \$450,000 in additional revenue per year.

### **Correctional Assumptions**

The Justice Data Warehouse reported the following for FY 2008:

- There were 66 convictions related to wearing hunter orange, however, it is unknown if any of the hunters were using raptors.
- There were 71 violations related to residency with 62 violations for deer licenses or tags.
- There were three convictions related to commercial fishing or turtle harvesting.

## **Summary of Impacts**

### **Fiscal Impact**

House File 722 is estimated to increase Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund revenue by \$481,000 for FY 2010 and each year after. The net impact to the Fund, after deduction of current expenditures of \$85,000, is expected to be an increase of \$396,000 per year.

### **Correctional Impact**

The correctional impact for House File 722 is expected to be minimal.

### **Sources**

Department of Human Rights (Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division)  
Department of Natural Resources

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the correctional and minority impact statements were prepared pursuant to [Section 2.56, Code of Iowa](#). Data used in developing this fiscal note, including correctional and minority impact information, is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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